

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell separator comprising:  
a metallic substrate having an oxide film forming a surface thereof and made by an oxidization of a material of the substrate;~~and~~  
an intermediate layer for enhancing adhesion formed of at least one Me layer formed of at least one element selected from the group consisting of the metal elements of Ti, Zr, Hf, V, Nb, Ta, Cr, Mo and W and the metalloid elements of Si and B; and  
an electrically conductive thin film formed on a surface of the intermediate layer~~oxide film of the substrate~~.
2. (Original) The separator according to claim 1, wherein the oxide film is formed by placing the substrate in air or in an oxidizing atmosphere.
3. (Original) The separator according to claim 1, wherein the electrically conductive thin film is a metal thin film.
4. (Original) The separator according to claim 1, wherein the electrically conductive thin film is a noble metal thin film.
- 5-8. (Canceled).
9. (Original) The separator according to claim 1, further comprising a carbon coating film on a surface of the electrically conductive thin film.
- 10-18. (Canceled).